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1. New economic agreements for the exchange of products and personnel have been signed by Albania with Rumania and Bulgaria. Rumania undertook to send factory technicians and to receive Albanian workers for training. Rumania will also furnish lumber, cement, glass, wheat, corn, oats, naphtha, gasoline, and some fishing boats. In return Rumania will receive cotton, chrome, crude oil, olives, citrus fruits, etc. Bulgaria will furnish building materials, livestock, etc.; she will receive in return a corresponding quantity of the same products shipped by Albania to Rumania.
2. In general, the relations of Albania with the countries under the Cominform are constantly becoming tighter. The dependence of Albania on the USSR is no different from that of a colonial possession.
3. The relations of Albania with Yugoslavia are becoming continually more strained; the Albanian press and Albanian propaganda in general lose no opportunity of attributing the present situation to the "treachery" of the Tito clique. Albanian newspapers describe almost daily the "provocations" of the Serbs against the People's Democracy of Albania.
4. During the first ten days of July there reportedly were new border incidents in the sector near Lake Shkoder between Albanian and Yugoslav guard-posts. On the night of 10 July 1949 (Albanian Army Day) an airplane scattered anti-Hoxha leaflets in Shkoder and in the region of Tirana. these leaflets came from Yugoslavia.
5. In the Qukes region new incidents allegedly occurred on the border during the second half of June between Yugoslavs and Albanians. There were also clashes between Albanian guerrillas coming from Yugoslavia and army units. Many individuals fled from Albania to Yugoslavia during the same period. similar incidents have been occurring on a very wide scale.
6. The presence in Tirana of the military representatives of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Poland, and the Soviet Union, who represented their respective countries at the celebration of Albanian Army Day, gave rise to a new propaganda campaign in favor of the Soviet Union and charges against Yugoslavia.

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